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TO AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, BA, SA

SUBJECT: TANKER DEBALLASTING FACILITIES

1. GOB AND SAG WERE BOTH REPRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION IN 1973 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE UN. AT THAT CONFERENCE, IT WAS AGREED THAT DIRTY BALLAST REGULATION FACILITIES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN PERSIAN GULF PORTS BY JANUARY 1, 1977.

2. DEBALLASTING FACILITIES PERMIT TANKERS TO OFFLOAD CONTAMINATED SEAWATER BALLAST, WHICH HAS MIXED WITH OIL RESIDUE IN TANKS, INTO RECEPTACLES ASHORE RATHER THAN DUMPING THE MIXTURE AT SEA. THE PRACTICE OF DUMPING DIRTY BALLAST AND OILY WASTES BY TANKERS CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE GREATEST SOURCES OF OCEAN POLLUTION.

3. DOD IS REVIEWING POLICY CONCERNING DEBALLASTING OF TANKERS UNDER DOD CONTRACT. BAHRAIN AND RAS TANURA ARE TWO OF THE PRINCIPAL LIFT POINTS. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION YOU  
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CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING STATUS OF DEBALLASTING FACILITIES

AT THESE PORTS OR PLANS TO PROVIDE SUCH FACILITIES.

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